

Eye Waivers

****No color blindness Waivers****

REF: a. MILPERSMAN 1220-120
b. NAVMED P-117

I. Eye Sight waivers (Active Duty/Reservist)

a. IAW REF (a) Eyesight Requirements: 20/40 in one eye and 20/70 in the other eye, correctable to 20/20

b. Your medical department can request an eyesight waiver if your vision is 20/70 in one eye and no worst than 20/100 in the other eye, correctable to 20/20. Submit the request BUMED-21 if your department has questions about how to submit the waiver please contact [NAVSPECWARCEN Medical](#).

c. The eyesight waiver must be included with medical package IAW REF (a) to the Naval Special Warfare Center Medical Department for review.

d. The eyesight wavier request must be included with the completed BUD/S package for final approval from the SPECWAR Assignments PERS-401DI.

II. Photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) or In-Situ Keratomileusis (Lasik) surgery (Active Duty/Reservist)

a. IAW REF (b) PRK or Lasik surgery waivers are granted case by case by BUMED

b. An approved PRK or Lasik surgery waiver must be included with your medical package IAW REF (a) to the Naval Special Warfare Center Medical Department for review.

c. The PRK or Lasik surgery waiver must also be included with the completed SWCC package for final approval from the SPECWAR Assignments PERS-401DI

NOTES:

Navy personnel or prospective recruits to the Navy choose to have surgery performed by a civilian surgeon, they should complete the following checklist items:

1. Review the Navy message that outlines refractive surgery policy for the Navy and Marine Corps (R 101331Z APR 00).
2. If planning to apply for BUD/S training, review the Navy message that outlines the requirements new accessions into training (BUMED/30MAR2000/SER 25/NOTAL; refractive surgery policy in the Navy and Marine corps for new accessions) and as specified by approved LASIK study protocols.
3. Complete the pre-op counseling form for active duty service member's prior to getting PRK from a civilian provider (This document is posted as a link on the BUMED home page:
[http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/PRK/refractive surgery information.htm](http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/PRK/refractive_surgery_information.htm) (appendix 3):
4. Complete the post-op medical clearance for return to duty form after having PRK. (This document is posted as a link on the BUMED home page:
[http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/PRK/refractive surgery information.htm](http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/PRK/refractive_surgery_information.htm) (appendix 4):
5. Clearance for return to full and unrestricted duty. Questions regarding corrective eye surgery can be directed to the following department:

Deputy Research Director,
Navy Refractive Surgery Center
Ophthalmology, NMCS
2650 Stockton Road
San Diego, CA 92106
(619)524-6733, FAX (619)524-1731
Clinic (619)524-5515